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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2007, Applicants herby submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.